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DLLR-Led Consortium Receives \$4 Million Green Jobs Grant

Alexander M. Sanchez, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), announced that a consortium led by DLLR has been awarded a \$4 million grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to define the regional "green economy" and develop a workforce investment plan to support it.

"This grant provides us with a tremendous opportunity to define the regional green economy and allows us to identify where the green jobs are and what skills people will need to qualify for them. This is a much deserved recognition of the O'Malley-Brown Administration's commitment to strengthening and growing the middle class, and shows that "Smart, Green and Growing" will offer real opportunities for Marylanders in the 21st century economy," Secretary Sanchez said.

The grant was awarded to the MidAtlantic Regional Collaboration (MARC) Green Consortium. MARC was created two years ago, under the leadership of DLLR, with \$10 million in federal grants to develop regional workforce investment strategies tied to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Plan.

The consortium will conduct a regional survey to define the area's green economy by identifying green jobs, their requirements and other occupational characteristics at the state, regional and local levels. This baseline measure – along with an estimate of the impact of green technology and other green investments on job creation - will be used to track job growth and contribute to the development of a regional green workforce development plan.

MARC's grant is the largest among approximately \$55 million in awards announced nationwide today as part of an initiative under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help workers, many in underserved communities, find jobs in expanding green industries and related occupations.

"The award of this grant provides a great opportunity to advance the Governor's green economy/jobs initiative to the next level. It also enables the region to take a quantum leap in the area of labor market information and tracking," said Andy Moser, DLLR Assistant Secretary for Workforce Development and Adult Learning.

The consortium includes the Virginia Employment Commission, the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, the District of Columbia's Workforce Investment Council, the Maryland Governor's Workforce Investment Board and the Virginia Workforce Council.